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## Appendix A

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### Analysis of Scoping Comments

#### Elk Morris Road Decommissioning Project

Four letters specific to this project were received during the scoping period of July 31, 2015 to August 31, 2015. The four letters were analyzed and an analysis code assigned to the comments (Table 1).

#### Comment Analysis Codes

- 1: Outside the scope of the proposed action.
- 2: Already decided by law, regulation, Forest Plan, or other higher level of decision.
- 3: Irrelevant to the decision to be made.
- 4: Conjectural and not supported by scientific evidence.
- 5: General comment, suggestion, opinion, or position statement.
- 6: Other agency or partner's consultation, review, advice, recommendation(s), etc.
- 7: Already considered in the proposed action or is standard procedure.
- 8: Will be included in an analysis of effects to the environment.

Codes 1 – 6 are standard codes. Comments assigned to these codes are considered to be non-significant issues. Code 7 was added as a category for those suggestions that are already proposed or for procedures that are routinely done. Code 8 was added as a category for suggestions that will be analyzed for effects to the environment.

**Table 1: Comment Analysis**

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Gary Mcfarlane Friends of the Clearwater	This proposal seems to be beneficial and may fit within CE parameters. The agency needs to make sure that the routes remain truly closed.	Thank you for your comment.
Jonathan Oppenheimer and Jenna Narducci, Idaho Conservation League	ICL supports decommissioning 12 miles of non-system roads and trails.	Thank you for your comment
	[T]he Forest Service should place boulders or other barriers to prevent continued use of these routes until restoration and revegetation is complete.	5
	The USFS should use native species when seeding disturbed areas,	7
	as [sic] should take steps to prevent the spread of noxious weeds rather than treating post-disturbance.	7
	We recommend the FS monitor restoration for a min. of three years to assess treatment effectiveness, monitor unauthorized use, and respond to potential invasive species establishment or spread.	The sites will be monitored until revegetation has attained a satisfactory level. The area will be monitored for noxious weeds and if found, appropriate measures will be taken for removal and control.

Commenter	Comment	Disposition
Daniel Stewart Idaho Dept. of Env. Quality	Project activities may affect the NP-CW NF's ability to achieve flow based on pollutant allocation reduction associated with Forest land or management activities.	Thank you for your comment.
	Projects initiated after the establishment of TMDL pollutant load allocations can adversely affect water quality through a reduction in load capacity.	Thank you for your comment.
Jim McIver Lewis-Clark ATV Club Inc.	It would be better to look at making a loop OHV trail system on some of those roads or place them in long-term storage.	See Response below.

### **Forest Service Response to Jim McIver Comment**

The non-system roads in this project were built originally as a part of legacy timber harvests to facilitate 'jammer logging'. The closely spaced roads do not lend themselves to the creation of a usable "OHV loop trail" system because they are a stack of short roads within a former harvest area. In addition, it would not be practical to "store" all or portions of the roads as that would require opening and re-building the roads, defeating the purpose and need of decommissioning them.